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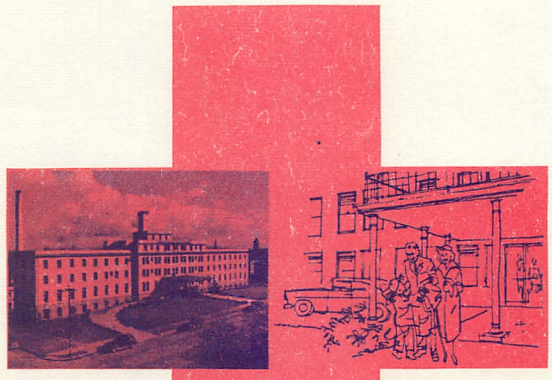

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W. L. HUBER

We have a new administrator here at Tacoma General Hospital. So this is an appropriate time to look at this important position and the man who fills it.

The administrator is appointed by the Board of Trustees, which is the governing body of the hospital. The Board is responsible to the community for the care of the sick, but the administrator is the one who carries out the policies of the Board and actively directs the affairs of the hospital. He, in turn, must delegate responsibility in various areas to other qualified people.

In general, these are the things for which the administrator is accountable. The building and equipment must be maintained so as to assure the physical and mental comfort and safety of the patients. All departments must be staffed with competent personnel. Good food must be attractively served; drugs and supplies must be of the best quality and available in sufficient quantity. Everything must be handled in such a way it is safe to use.

Since the Board of Trustees must guarantee continuity of hospital care to the community, the administrator must plan for future growth and progress, he must make wise financial decisions and institute procedures which protect the assets of the institution.

The administrator must provide diagnostic and therapeutic services. He must provide educational facilities for the training of nurses, technicians and technologists, interns and residents. He must foster a good relationship with Medical Staff.

Can one man do all this? Not without loyal helpers. Those of us who were here in 1950 first knew Mr. Huber as chief accountant. He was next appointed comptroller, and recently he has been assistant administrator. Through these years we have known him as a gentleman with a well trained mind and an affable disposition. We have seen his friendly smile, appreciated his sympathetic understanding, and admired his willingness to work hard at whatever task most needed his efforts. Not so readily apparent perhaps are his intensity of purpose and his devotion to his ideals. These now find expression in the principal objective of his administratorship. He is determined that THE PATIENT will be cared for with the greatest skill, the sincerest interest, and the utmost graciousness of which human beings are capable. Mr. Huber has dedicated himself to the realization of this ideal. He expects the same dedication of each of us. We can not fail him.

Mrs. Margaret Miller

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Life Is Just a Bowl of Cherries...Or Is It?

by Mrs. Mildred Bates

Whenever we see an article on Administration or Lines of Authority we are most likely to shudder and turn to something more interesting. However, this is a very interesting subject if the enteric coating is spread tactfully. As one of my girls said to me one day, "Nobody would enjoy working for anyone or for any organization where there was no leadership. You wouldn't be happy if you didn't know there was someone you could always turn to".

If you're city-bred you may have seen a cluster of cherries on a hat at sometime or another. If you ever lived where you could see an actual tree you remember how the cherries all come from a cluster which hangs from the branch. Let's pretend that the branch is our Board of Directors.

Administration is the heart of the cluster--whether it's cherries or any group of an organization. Imagine all those cherries as different departments of a hospital; the nursing department, drug room, engineering department, business office, housekeeping, gardening, laboratory, etc. Each of these departments are responsible to the heart of the cluster--Mr. Huber, our Administrator.

Each of these departments is in itself a unit with a leader and all personnel in the unit are responsible to the leader of this individual cluster. Now, in turn, the leader is responsible to those in his department--and also responsible to the

heart of the organization. Such is the meaning of administration. And now we come to the Lines of Authority.

We were taught in geometry that a straight line is the shortest distance between two points. Sometimes that is not so. To illustrate: If you were bathing Mrs. Ipswitch and she happened to gaze out the window and see a skunk cabbage flourishing in the bed of roses and told you that they were particularly obnoxious to her--you would not go straight out and pull it up. Neither would you go straight to the gardener and report the plant to him.

According to a road map you would not go to Spokane to get to Seattle. But sometimes the straightest course is not the wisest one. In case of the skunk cabbage, it may have been planted there for a reason, and not knowing that reason, you may wind up in Portland, which is South--and south on any map is down--demotion, or a lecture.

The gist of the matter is not to get your wires crossed. You see, the doctor attending Mrs. Ipswitch may have gone to the director of nurses and told her the problem peculiar to his patient. Part of his treatment was to rid her of a fixation against skunk cabbages. So, understanding the situation, the director of nurses went to the administrator, who in turn directed the gardener to plant that particular skunk cabbage in that particular spot. Imagine all the telephone wires down around your ears had you gone out and pulled the plant yourself?

Because, you see, all these lines amount to telephone wires--lines of authority are really lines of communication--up and down. And the lines are kept open and functioning through good administration.

There are generals and corporals and privates. We can't always be leaders. Sometimes we follow. But through it all is a THREAD OF DIRECTION--giving us to know that we are united in a PURPOSE.

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This issue of Hospitality is dedicated to leadership. There are few executives among us but none of us can entirely escape the leadership role. It may claim us at work or at home, in the church or in the neighborhood. In some circumstances we follow, in some we lead. Each kind of action calls for its own kind of power, wisdom, humility and grace. Each kind of action calls for a special brand of awareness. There is always a danger that we will let the job become mundane--that we will fail to see the trees for the woods.

January is past. The New Year's resolutions have been made and broken and forgotten. Perhaps it is just as well. Rules have a place. But what is really needed is the sense of freshness and joy that comes from believing in our own work and our own worth, and the sense of compassion that comes when we meet another human face to face and ask, "What does he need from me?"

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Development of Citizens

....to say that a blind custom of obedience should be a surer obligation than duty taught and understood,....
is to affirm that a blind man may tread surer by a
guide than a seeing man can by a light.

Francis Bacon (1561-1626)

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A leader is best
When people barely know that he exists.
Not so good when people
obey and acclaim him.
Fail to honor people
They fail to honor you.
But of a good leader, who
talks little.
When his work is done, his
aim fulfilled.
They will all say,
"We did this ourselves".

Lao-Tse

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The Indispensable Person

by Tom Compbell
Washington Purchasing Agent
October 1957

Maybe this is daydreaming. Then again perhaps it's possible. Some day it may happen to you. You will get help from the indispensable person. This is the person who is worth his weight in gold. He runs with the ball and stops just before you are ready to tackle him. When there seems to be no credit coming to you because of your position, this person registers approbation without the semblance of wanting something for himself.

This he or she also knows you for what you are and spends little time catering to something that isn't there. This is known as "being understood." It's the real thing. Your indispensable person is a mind-reader. He knows what you want without a lot of palaver. Chances are he has anticipated you quietly. It is not necessary to try to explain. This favorite of ours takes off your shoulders the disagreeable things that you can do but don't want to do. And he or she does it without a stricken martyr-complex showing.

This sought-after person never notices when you fall completely on your face. He often makes things appear as if you threw a ringer instead of tossing a dud. And when things get really tough you don't find this imaginary person putting a lot of roadblocks in your way. You are not reminded by even a sigh that you aren't the kind of a leader you see when you look into the mirror. When you reverse yourself so swiftly that you insist it is a very new idea, this indispensable person does not remind you that you are inconsistent. He or she never noticed it at all.

When you demand that the truth be told, that you be criticized straight from the shoulder, you get it--but kindly. And not with an unholy glee that belies its honesty and charity. And when you despair of ever doing the right thing, of ever making the grade and of ever living up to your own standards, your "friend" won't go along with you. You feel his support and help. It is your face that is saved.

So you think this is daydreaming. Don't fool yourself. Somewhere near you every day is this indispensable person. Take some time, recognize who he or she is--then be thankful!

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Hand of Leadership

The network that builds the hand of a leader is:

First Finger: Determination
You must have a driving desire to succeed at your job.

Second Finger: Enthusiasm

Third Finger: Courage
Fear often stops us. Courage must be developed and put into practice.

Fourth Finger: Communication
You must develop a clear and rapid manner of transmitting ideas to others so there is no room for misunderstanding or misinterpretation.

Thumb: The Ability to Make Decisions
The fear of failure (financial, physical, hurt pride) stops us. You must face decisions as a challenge.

Palm: Human Relations
That is the part that binds the network together. Human relations are a matter of degree - good or bad. The degree controls how successful you become. Deal graciously with all people. Don't complain. Give honest, sincere appreciation. Arouse in others an eager want. The ability to smile keeps us in an eager frame of mind.

SMILE AND HAVE FUN!

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How to WORRY Scientifically!

1. Never worry over rumors of what "they say". First, get the facts.
2. Know definitely your worry problem. Write it down. Face it;
3. Worry about only one problem at a time;
4. Set a definite day, afternoon, or night for worrying;
5. Never worry in bed, in the dining room, or at church;

6. Select an air-conditioned room. Lean back in an easy chair.
7. Set a time limit. If you must go beyond it, give yourself credit for the time and a half.
8. Never worry with a frowning face. Smile sing, whistle.
9. Never worry when you are tired, sick, angry, or depressed.
10. Never worry while working, playing, visiting, shopping, or gossiping.
11. Two times never to worry:
    a. When you can help the situation
    b. When you cannot.

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Functions of an Executive

An executive has practically nothing to do except to decide what is to be done; to tell somebody to do it; to listen to reasons why it should not be done, why it should be done by someone else, or why it should be done in a different way; to follow up to see if the thing has been done; to discover that it has not; to inquire why; to listen to excuses from the person who should have done it; to follow up again to see if the thing has been done, only to discover that it has been done incorrectly; to point out how it should have been done; to conclude that as long as it has been done, it may as well be left where it is; to wonder if it is not time to get rid of a person who cannot do a thing right; to reflect that he probably has a wife and large family, and that certainly any successor would be just as bad, and maybe worse; to consider how much simpler and better the thing would have been done if one had done it oneself in the first place; to reflect sadly that one would have done it right in twenty minutes, and, as things turned out, one has had to spend two days to find out why it has taken three weeks for somebody else to do it wrong.

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CORONARY CLUB - Membership Requirements
Washington State Heart Assn.

1. Your job comes first; personal considerations are secondary.
2. Go to the office evenings, Saturdays, and holidays.
3. Take a briefcase home on the evenings when you do not go to the office. This provides an opportunity to review completely all the troubles and worries of the day.
4. Never say NO to a request--always say YES.
5. Accept all invitations to meetings, banquets, committees, et cetera.
6. Do not eat a restful, relaxing meal--always plan a conference for the meal hours.
7. Fishing and hunting are a waste of time and money--you never bring back enough fish or game to justify the expense.
8. It is a poor policy to take all the vacation time which is provided for you.
9. Golf, bowling, pool, billiards, cards, gardening, etc. are a waste of time.
10. Never delegate responsibility to others, carry the whole load at all times.
11. If your work calls for traveling, work all day and drive all night to make your appointment for the next morning.

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From "The Prophet" by Kahlil Gibran

When you work you fulfil a part of earth's furthest dream, assigned to you when that dream was born.

And all knowledge is vain save when there is work,

And all work is empty save when there is love;

And when you work with love you bind yourself to yourself, and to one another, and to God.

And what is it to work with love?

It is to weave the cloth with threads drawn from your heart, even as if your beloved were to wear that cloth.

It is to build a house with affection, even as if your beloved were to dwell in that house.

It is to sow seeds with tenderness and reap the harvest with joy, even as if your beloved were to eat the fruit.

It is to charge all things you fashion with a breath of your own spirit.

Work is love made visible.

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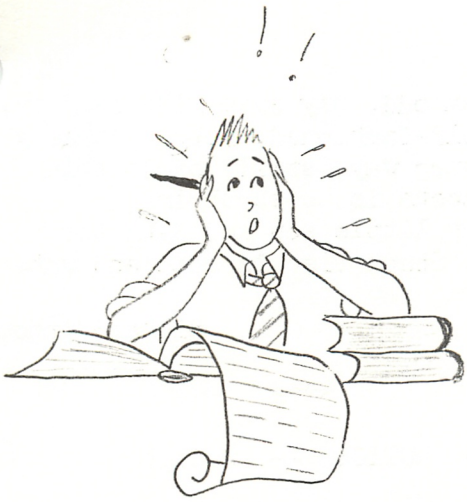

No One is Safe Until All Practice Safety

by Oscar Smaalders
Executive Housekeeper

A resume of the TOPIC concerning STAPH INFECTION (Transmissions) Dr. V.D. Sneeden, Pathologist, Emanuel Hospital, Portland, Oregon at the Housekeeping Workshop, Hotel Multonomah, Portland, Oregon on November 19th and 20th, 1959. Attended by Mr. Oscar Smaalders.

A brief outline of a portion of a very complex problem with particular reference to Nursing Service and Housekeepers role.

Hospital infections are not a new problem. Bacteria existed on the earth before mankind and will be here after the last man is dead. Bacteria, both harmless and disease producing, have been with us and will continue to be with us. They are helpful and necessary in the cycle of life but infinitely harmful when out of control. Hospital infections were the curse of hospitals through the ages. The problems are not new, the solution is not new.

What do we do to control infections. We keep bacteria from being transferred from one person to another. Second: we destroy bacteria that accumulate in various areas; we keep the bacteria population down.

First we must realize that bacteria can attach themselves to any surface or carrier, live or otherwise. The basket of laundry, brought from a dirty basement or laundry truck, can carry to the immaculate operating rooms the bacteria from the filth of that basement, or truck, if it is filthy. The nurse, the porter, the dietary aide, the doctor, can carry infection from one patient to another, after handling the patient, his dressing, his diet tray, or laundry.

Handwashing should become a ritual. Before going from one patient to another, the hands should be washed.

The basic idea should be, "Don't go from one patient to another without breaking the chain of infection".

Dust and dirt harbor and protect bacteria. Bacteria can be eliminated by eliminating dirt, and let's not forget those out-of-sight places--overhead beams and lights. Particular attention must be given to air-conditioning and the filters of these, because they frequently become vectors or spreaders of infection.

For the destruction of bacteria we have a variety of weapons at our command. The disinfectants of the PHENOLIC COMPOUNDS are in my opinion the first and most effective weapons in our war on bacteria.

Let us consider the reservoirs of infections in the hospital. First, we have floors with dust, dirt, dried-out secretions. Gravity carries everything to the floor and we can't kick bacteria around until "THEY GET LOST" because "THEY DON'T". They pile up along edges, corners, along walls, around toilet fixtures, in utility rooms, janitorial closets etc. Dust protects them and screems them. We need a good cleaner and a disinfectant to get rid of them.

Dry sweeping and dustmops are taboo. Treated dust cloth, or wet mops are acceptable under the right conditions. Mops and buckets must be clean. Don't spread infection with dirty mops and buckets. Washing mops daily is absolutely necessary. Change of mops after cleaning CONTAMINATED area is a must.

Linen and laundry represents one of the biggest hazards in spreading infection.

First of all, on any infection cases, the laundry must carefully and gently be put into bags in the patient's room so that it does not become a traveling spreader of infection on its way to the laundry. These bags for contaminated linen should not be thrown down in the linen chute.

The standard laundering process for linens sterilizes the linen. But make sure you do not contaminate your returned linens in the handling and distribution of them, after they get back to your linen room.

Employees should be trained in the techniques of avoiding cross contamination.

Mattresses and mattress covers need consideration. A matress can not be "sterilized" by putting it out in the sun shine or air, even with a stiff wind blowing. A matress cover should be used that can be swabbed down with Detergent-Disinfectant. There are types of matresses made of ticking which is plastic impregnated the kind we use at Tacoma General Hospital.

The Housekeeper must be a member of the Infection Committee of the hospital and have an active part in the total program. The Housekeeper must know responsibility, get good help and train them not only in the standard cleaning procedure, but also in Isolation Technique and terminal check-out procedure. The Housekeeper must work on a program of keeping bacteria from traveling from one patient area to another, destroy bacteria by effective cleaning methods.

And, the final word is: No disease producing organism yet found has developed a resistance to good housekeeping, cleanliness and sanitation.

In the next issue there will be a resume about Staph Infection (Control-technique).

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That wicked germ, Staphylococcus,
Is apt to lurk about and mock us
And, having swum through deadly oceans
Of chemotherapeutic potions,
Spring up, with vim, from some direction
And cause a troublesome infection.
It may seem odd, may seem like perjury,
May seem old-fashioned, yet in surgery
The only sure way, still, of drubbing
Staphylococcus is be scrubbing,
For like my little son and daughter
What makes Staph flee is soap and water.

Richard Armour

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NOTICE -- NOTICE -- NOTICE

We have a special request from the Accounting Department asking that we remind all employees that fish and pay check go bad if left around too long. No bank is obligated to accept a check over 30 days old. If you keep a checking account of your own, you can guess what keeping track of hospital checks must be like. When we hold our checks from month to month, we add work for the accounting department and run the risk of creating an embarrasing situation for ourselves.

If you are lucky enough not to have spent your check before you get it, put the money in the bank or in your sock if you wish but CASH THAT CHECK!

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Our Hospitality has perhaps been neglecting its educational responsibilities. We trust the following will in some way be helpful when people from outside the hospital look to you for advice.

Editor

How Do You Get Rid of Warts?

Asked, seriously; answered not so seriously. Following is a compilation of home remedies and superstitions. Let it be noted no matter how absurd the method, once it has worked that person is "sold". One extremely absurd solution to the problem is even unprintable--nearly.

According to Webster, a wart is a dry excrescence on the skin...an unnatural growth. And, according to the American Pocket Medical Dictionary, we here deal with the type wart known as, "Fugitive".

Some of the superstitions remedies for "Fugitive" include the following:

1. Rub it with a dirty rag. Bury the rag, and when it has rotted, the wart will be gone.

2. Tie off the wart itself securely with wet horsehair (or nylon thread). You can either leave it on a few days, or remove and bury the hair.

3. Back to the dirty dishrag. After rubbing the wart with the rag, hide it. If no one finds the rag, the wart will leave.

4. Rub a dirty penny on the "Fugitive", throw the penny over your left shoulder.

5. Spit on the wart and blow it dry.

6. Spit on a stick, throw the stick over your shoulder. Can't remember whether "Fugitive" is to be rubbed with the stick or not.

7. Take the "milk" from a freshly cut head of lettuce, mix the "milk" with Iodine, and apply.

8. Cigarette ashes mixed with grease is assuredly a cure.

9. Dr. Scholl's corn medicine. Fine stuff.

10. Castor oil rubbed on wart for nine consecutive mornings.... Phew!

11. Rub wart with raw potato. Ear wax is also useful to some.

12. Egg yolk mixed into a paste with salt.

13. Other suggestions include the following:
    Freezone, salt, iodine, hydrogen, peroxide, vinegar, caustic pencil, nitric acid, silver nitrate, and plain cigarette ashes.

14. The final suggestion: Leave it alone!

These are everyone's suggestions other than your reporters. Mine is, "Don't look at the wart for four days. It should Disappear if you can completely forget it. But, if by chance it is still there, well, pick it off".

How else do you suppose I got the scar on the end of my nose?

Jean Smith

In addition to the above type of service, it has been suggested that we organize a "trade and sales" department. Anybody interested? I'll put my 1947 Chrysler in for a starter. Good car -- who wants it?

J. Schenk, Editor

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Here's the News

Perhaps it's been kept too long to be as fresh as you would wish. We even have some that was left over from last month. It got burried under other things I didn't get done. Let's start with that first.

Editor

Ward A — Kathy Nabors

Last month (November) Ward A had news about an important patient, but this time the news is about all of the nurses. We are having dinner at Mrs. Krihich house on the 22nd of December and we also will exchange gifts. Wish you could be there, well maybe next time.

Mrs. Crane, our head nurse, has moved into her new home and already the family has increased (a new puppy for her son Jenie).

Mrs. Vonardsdall has been a patient on One South for a couple of days, but is back at work again.

Miss Lee has a brithday sometime in January but for some reason keeping the date quiet. Well, who wants to keep the date a secret when they are sweet 21 and the voting age. After all this is the year. Which will it be Lee? The donkey or the elephant? We will guess who you cast your ballet for. (smile)

We have another nurse on 3-11 shift, Mrs. Guttromsom of whome many of you have seen and probably know. She has worked here before.

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Ward B — Lillian Bilderback

Celebrates four birthdays this month. Mrs. Bilderback - a new year's baby. Mrs. Mazetis, Mrs. Miller, and Mrs. Morris - the last day of the month.

Mrs. Selden, 11-7 relief nurse, lost her mother last week.

Mrs. Bilderback's mother was hospitalized recently.

We welcome a new 11-7 L.P.N. but regret the loss of Mrs. Brown who went on days to another floor.

M. Knowles is back to work after six weeks rest.

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Sewing and Linen Room — Dorothy Stanley

Greetings from the sewing and linen room. A new year, a new month, a fresh start, and as we roll up our sleeves and dig in, we resolve to make it a better one. For the spice of life will be ours when we can face each day alert to the opportunities of making new friends and meeting new experiences.

Celeste Casey has been on the sick list for a few days and we are glad to see her back. Blanche Hocking has illness in her family and we sincerely hope all will be on the road to recovery soon.

The Stanley family have had house guests from Anchorage, Alaska for the past few weeks.

We sure enjoyed seeing the snow fall the other day. Our windows have been washed so nice and clean, its a pleasure to look outside for a change.

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Business Office — E. Miles

Mrs. Anna Mae Bod, supervisor of the Credit Office has been called to North Dakota because of the serious illness of her father and will probably be away from the hospital for two or three weeks.

The Switchboard has suffered from illness the last few weeks. Mrs. Lillian Burrows is a patient on One East, but will probably be discharged within a few days, and Mrs. Phyllis Shields just returned to work after an absence because of surgery for the last two months.

The Credit Office has a new part-time assistant in Gary DeWeese, a University of Puget Sound student. Gary is going to school and working afternoons and weekends. He spent the Christmas holidays visiting his mother in Honolulu, and really sported a beautiful tan when he returned to work.

The Accounting Office has been so busy this time of the year, trying to get the year's figures together and getting out an annual statement, that we will have to ask forgiveness for not having much news. We just had our noses to the grindstone, but will promise to have more news for the next issue.

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Record Department & Birth Records — Bernice Brown

The new pleasant face in the Record room belongs to Miss Dianne Christensen who has been with us for the past three months. She is walking on air these days because her fiancee has recently been discharged from the Armed Forces and wedding bells may be ringing at blossom time.

Also joining the Record Room is Mrs. Myrna de Mille who is with us part-time. (That is the only way to work, girls). Welcome and hope you will be with us for a long time.

Mrs. Bernice Brown has taken over as secretary in Birth Records on the third floor after working in Jackson Hall for 2½ years as relief receptionist.

Mrs. Elizabeth Rando has been transferred from Birth Records to the Anesthesia Department, we will miss her ready smile and good company--"do join us for coffee often Elizabeth".

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Housekeeping Department — Thelma Bond

The Housekeeping Department wishes to thank the members of the Hospital Administration for the delicious turkey dinner given to those of us who worked Christmas day. We also wish to thank the Administration for our Christmas Bonus.

Jerry Edwards is a very pround grandfather. A grand daughter was born in the Tacoma General Hospital just two days after Christmas day.

The Christmas dinner for the Housekeeping Department turned out a huge success, everyone having all they could eat of superbly cooked turkey, ham, etc., Mr. and Mrs. Smaalders sat at the head of the table. During the party, Mr. Smaalders gave a very inspiring speech. Everyone exchanged gifts and much laughter was heard when Joe Carter unwrapped a very funny surprise package.

Gary De Weese spent the holiday season vacationing in beautiful Hawaii and came back with a beautiful sun tan.

"Vi" Darby turned her ankle shortly after the holiday season but courageously hobbled around on her job. The ankle is much better now.

Wille Cobb is now in training to become a supervisor of the Housekeeping Department, as soon as the new edition of the Hospital is completed.

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Nursery News — L. Sherwood

Mrs. Fleck is back after a long illness.

Mrs. Humphrey's, 3-11- has quit to stay home with family.

Mrs. Jackson is leaving.

Miss Brusseau has a beautiful diamond ring. Planning a May wedding and moving to a new home at Auburn.

The Nursery has three sparkling white new sinks.

Linen room has a new ceiling and paint job.

Mrs. Hughes has moved out to Roy to a five acre farm.

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3 South — Irene Cavallo

Mrs. Mullins, 3-11, had a very nice trip to Florida on her vacation and much to her supprise, the airplane she dreaded so much returned safely.

A lovely surprise party was held at the home of Mrs. Damon for Miss House who is now Mrs. Turner and is making her home in Seattle.

Will we be hearing wedding bells soon for Miss Brown? Jay Clark says "yes".

Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Gishard had a touch of the flu but feel fine once again.

I am quite new at this sort of thing so maybe next time I can dig up more news and until then--Happy 1960 everyone.

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Delivery Room — Ida Myers

No special news from the Delivery Room. They're confused--Last week the phone rang and a timid voice said, "I'm a 19 year old boy. Is there any kind of job I can possibly get up there?" Who are we anyhow?

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3 North — Dorothy Decker

Mrs. Turner, head nurse, is currently enjoying a vacation at home--getting ready for the holidays.

A trip to Hawaii was shared by Mrs. Murray and Mrs. Brown. Both enjoyed visits with their respective son and daughter and grandchildren during the three week visit in October.

Another visiter to Hawaii was Mrs. Hager who vacationed for three weeks during

November.

That popular old bird is planning more trips--both Mrs. Lois Keyes and Mrs. Montgomery of our staff have left on terminal maternity leaves.

We've enjoyed our most recent nurse patients and their two little boys.... Joyce Prince and Ardyce Conner.

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Maintenance — Greg Schell

Things are looking up in Mr. Eric Mc Michael's big storeroom. Mr. Fred Gibbs and his new helper, Ralph Hart, have installed a nice big light in the darkest and busiest corner of the place.

A conference room is being fashioned out of four rooms on the 2nd floor of the Annex during this month. "Terry the Termite", alias Mr. Fred Gibbs, has the wiring all hooked up and now Mr. Christiansen and Mr. Corkson are putting down the tile on the floor and painting it up spick and span. A secretary's room is being built next to it by Mr. Jim Stanley and Mr. Joe Glover.

Mr. Jim Stanley has just spent $484 for a new Duval saw for the carpenter shop to make the impossible jobs less difficult so he can keep up with the growing demand for his services.

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Surgery and Anesthesia — Alice Kern

Surgery's Miss Leola Simmons had a very profitable and enjoyable trip to Chicago where she attended the O.R. Section of the A.N.A. convention, December 10th and 11th. Weatherwise, Miss Simmons felt quite at home, not noticing much difference between Chicago rain and Tacoma rain.

Mrs. Joan Lau, former R.N. in this department, has accepted the position of clinical instructor in surgery of the St. Francis Hospital, Grand Island, Nebraska, and is hard at work setting up a formal teaching program for that institution.

Everyone welcomed Mrs. Marilyn Ninen back to work after her illness of several weeks and we all said farewell to Mrs. Lillian Gould who resigned in December.

The Anesthesia Department has had some changes in personnel: Dr. Katherine Scott and Dr. Robert Sherry have completed their residencies and are no longer with us. Dr. Raymundo Esquivel is now beginning his residency training at Tacoma General Hospital. Dr. Esquivel was formerly at the Pima County Hospital and St. Mary's Hospital, Tucson, Arizona.

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Central Supply — Jean Smith

Lois McGlothrein, who has been in Central Supply for four years, will soon be headed for California, her daughter, and her well missed trailor home.

Mrs. R. Anthony is working just two nights a week, so for now the day girls don't have the night shift.

Mrs. Theilla Jensema has resigned due to illness. Taking her place is Rosie Roy.

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Dietary News — Donna Burgess

It must take a lot of courage to choose a winter vacation, if you are staying home, of course, if you are going somewhere, you can always go south. That makes a winter vacation almost as nice as a summer one. This philosophy seems to divide our December vacations into two groups. The brave ones who stay here, and the smart ones who leave.

Our brave one was Amy Madsen, cashier, whose two week vacation began December 21st. She spent her vacation at home entertaining Major and Mrs. Truman Boudinot, and their two children. Mrs. Boudinot is her niece. The Boudinot family have just spent a year in Melbourn, Australia. They stayed with Amy for three weeks before going to Washington, D.C., where Major Boudinot will be reassigned to duty elsewhere.

Now let's discuss the smart ones.

Mrs. Ellen Jarchow of the 2nd floor kitchen, also began her vacation in December. She arrived in Los Angeles, California in time to spend Christmas with her daughter, Maryan, who is working there. She says they saw everything. The most interesting things were a visit to Disneyland and to a couple of T.V. shows, where the loudest laughter came from the camera men. Could they have been cued? or is it the payola?

Mrs. Margaret Hoffman, who is on the elevator from 6 to 2:30 chose to visit in Glendale, Arizona with her daughter, Mrs. Joyce Gilfoyle and her three grandchildren. She didn't say much about what she did while she was there because she was rather upset about what happened on the way back home. It seems that Margaret had the doubtful honor of being aboard the bus that was stranded on the Willamette Pass in the Cascade Mountains in Oregon for about seven hours. She said the bus slid off the road and something broke. It was two hours before help came, and about five hours before the bus was repaired and could go on its way. She arrived home in time to change clothes and come to work. We all thought she looked sort of pale and shaky for someone who had just been in Arizona.

Mrs. Dolores Swearingen, night relief, spent her vacation by taking a trip to Blissfield, Michigan with her husband. They left December 16th and returned January 4th. While they were gone they spent two days touring the Dayton Tire Factory at Dayton, Ohio. Mr. Swearingen sells Dayton Tires here in Tacoma.

We have had a number of people on sick leave. Mary Hart is back at work in the dining room after a long illness. She returned January 1st. We are all glad to see her looking well again. Mrs. Alice Wahlstrom and Mrs. Alta Bunger have also been absent for surgery. They work on the floors. Alice was in to see us a few days ago. She says she feels much better now and hopes to be back soon. Sally Pratt, who cooks in the Diet Kitchen, has been off for some time. She has been having trouble with her feet.

On Friday, January 15th, at 2:30 p.m. the Dietary Department gave a party honoring Miss Peggy Uetz. Peggy has left Tacoma General. She is to be married February 6th. and will make her home in Longview, Washington. Our parting gift to her was a white table cloth and napkins for her new home.

Mrs. Pearl Booth, who works 3-11:30, has been called to California by the death of her father. We want her to know that our sympathy is with her at this time.

Our welcome mat is out to five new employees this month. They are Fenwick Plowden, Iver Gustafson, Gertrude Atkinson, Gertrude Hogan, and Marguerite Abbott. We all hope they will enjoy working with us.

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Laundry — Ethel Edwards

The Laundry is on its rampage again. The holidays are over and everyone is back to normal. The Laundry is running over with work and we are running out of energy. The pressers are blowing off steam, the mangle tumblers, extractors, and washing machines are singing a wonderful working tuna.

The girls on the mangle are jumping for joy. The ones on the shake box are pulling for dear life. Gene Jorden, has pushed the linen cart up and down the ramp so often he has a nervous stomach, corns on his heels and calouses on his toes.

After eight hours of struggle our days work is a happy ending because we have a Wonderful supervisor, Mrs. Margaret Robertson, a very nice person to work with.

We have a new washer wandering around in the laundry, Mr. Ebb Grant. We hope he likes his job and fellow workers.

On December 27th we had another granddaughter added to our family. Little Angela Edwards, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Edwards of 4530 Pacific Avenue.

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Laboratory News — Ann Burhenn

To most of us who have seen snow each

winter it is mostly something we can't get away from. However, the recent snows were the first ever seen by Cipriano Rodas (Yan) Lab student from the Phillipines. His comment; "I like it, I like it!"

Our other snow enthusiast, Bacteriologist, Anne Barlow, leaves Friday for her annual week at Sun Vally. Happy sliding Anne!

From the sunny side, Virginia Sherriff Pathology laboratory, just returned from Mexico City where she and her husband spent three weeks sight-seeing and visiting their daughter, who attends the University of Mexico.

Winnie Sandberg, a recent graduate of Tacoma General, just sent us a package of slides for our enjoyment. She is now working in hospital in Napal.

Dr. Wicks was currently elected president of the staff of Good Samaritan Hospital in Puyallup.

The Research and Development Laboratory under the direction of the department of Pathology welcomes Mr. E.A. Eagelson as Chief of Service. "Al" comes to us from Toronto where he was medico-legal technologist for the Canadian Government, and brings a great fund of experience, not only in detecting poisons but the drugs used in hospital therapeutics. He is presently staying with his brother-in-law Dr. Russell Colley, until his family arrives from Toronto.

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School of Nursing — Karen Smestad

Many things have happened at Jackson Hall this past month. The most talked about event was the fabulous ski trip the juniors took on January 18th. The hospital graciously let the whole class have the same day off. The dietary department was so nice to pack us all sack lunches, 44 of them, and wait until we got back at 6:00 p.m. to great us with a big pot of delicious chili. Their efforts were much appreciated by all. We left early in the morning and got back in the evening. It turned out a success with no serious casualities.

The juniors are through with most of their classes and will start working 38 hours a week the last of January.

Many former members of the junior class are returning to the school after a leave of absence for various reasons. These include Martha Rose, Carole McBride, Cynthia Myers, Barbara Ostwalt, and Margaret Chapman. We are all glad to see these girls back.

The "probies" were through with finals the end of January and started working mornings and giving baths. The juniors are ready to greet them with open arms. They are going to appreicate their help.

Most of the seniors are away on affiliations with a few here working on the 3rd floor. Kathy Lyons was married to Mr. Gene Arthur on January 22nd. They will live in Lakewood.

There has been a new addition to Jackson Hall--the laundry room to be exact. It's a brand new washing machine welcomed by the student body. The old one was running on it's last leg. Besides, the new one is free!

Future plans among the student nurses include the annual carnival which is scheduled for sometime in February. Work has started on this. Mrs. LaNora Metzger and Nancy Davidson are chairmen.

Also the juniors are planning their halfway banquet for February. All are looking forward to that corner stripe which signifies they are halfway to graduation.

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Alumnae News

The holidays are over and once more we can get back into the swing of normal living.

Olive Enterman, Class of '39, reports that she is convalescing from a fractured pelvis and fractured scapula. She was in the car of her brother-in-law when a truck

ran into the side of their car. Olive was in the hospital two weeks.

Dr. and Mrs. C. Rigby, Wilma Murley Class '39, took in the Rose Bowl Game on New Years Day.

Verona Ganzel Zeour, Class of '31, sends New Years greetings to all from Scranton, Pa.

June Pampanella Renwick, Class of '51, is living in Tacoma again. She and her husband are anxiously awaiting a visit from the stork.

Vernetta Harulie Sanbeck, Class of '50, had a baby boy at Tacoma General.

Virginia Weeks Scribner, Class of '58, has written an excellent article in the January edition of the Washington State Journal of Nursing titled "Wherever We Go!" Be sure to read it.

Virginia is working general duty at Swedish Hospital in Seattle.

Grace Miller McCardle, Class of '51, is working full time as charge nurse of Delivery Room, Doctors Hospital in San Diego. She has two children, LaureneeAnne (1), and Duane Jr. (3). Her husband is working on his Master's Degree in Mathmatics and hopes to go into Missle Computing work. Grace would love to hear from any of her classmates. Her address is: 3950 Moffet St., San Diego 10, Claif.

Ethel Swift Flynn, Class of '48, is in Portland. Her husband, Robert, is taking his internship at Good Samaritan Hospital for his administrator degree.

Elizabeth Failing Graham, Class '38, is living at 10348 McVine Avenue, Sunland, California. She works part-time in a clinic.

Alice Mattsen Crawford, Class of '26, is supervisor at Cottage Grove Hospital, Cottage Grove, Oregon.

Sarah Jan Maxwell Copeland, Class of '17, had as her house guests for the holidays, her sister Edna Maxwell Weltzin, Class of '14, and her husband from Berkely, California. Mrs. Copeland and her sister and brothers spent their first Christmas together in 30 years.

A reminder to all Alumnae members. Lets have a good turn out for our next Alumnae meeting. At the January meeting which was Past President's Night, we'll have Dr. J. Bonica on the program. He showed color slides from his visit to Moscow last summer. Most interesting!

Dues notices are in the mail now with a questionaire enclosed for you to answer. Be sure and be prompt in returning your remittance and the questionnaire to the secretary, Evelyn Stein.

News comes that Pat Harland Clar, Class of '47, is living in Amarillo, Texas. She has a morning radio program, called "The Garden Fence". Listeners may exchange receipes and other homemaking ideas.

Joyce Farmer Bischoff, Class of '52, had a boy February 2nd. His weight, 7 lbs. 6 ozs.

Word has been received by classmates of Phyllis Roe Shelton, Class of '52, of her death January 31st.

Wednesday, February 10th, our Alumnae attended the Valentine Party given by the St. Joseph's Alumnae group. A good time was had by all.

Don't forget the Rummage Sale, March 17-18-19 at 743 South Tacoma Avenue. If you have any rummage to be picked up call Evelyn Stein, SK 2-3105 or Adel Stewart SK 2-4488.

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